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Art Unit: 1797

For: METHOD OF INHIBITING CORROSION OF COPPER PLATED OR METALLIZED SURFACES AND CIRCUITRY DURING SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING PROCESS

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DECLARATION OF PRIOR INVENTION IN THE UNITED STATES OR IN A NAFTA OR WTO MEMBER COUNTRY TO OVERCOME CITED PATENT OR PUBLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

Dear Sir:

This Declaration is to establish completion of the invention in this application in the United States prior to August 20, 2002, the effective date of U.S. Patent No. 6,436,711 B1 to Davis et al. ("Effective Date of Davis").

To establish a date of completion of this invention prior to the Effective Date of Davis, Applicants submit herewith Exhibits A and B. These exhibits clearly and definitely establish invention of the subject matter of the currently rejected claims prior to the Effective Date of Davis.

Applicants declare that the documents submitted herewith as Exhibits A and B are dated prior to August 20, 2002. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully assert that this invention was completed prior to the Effective Date of Davis.

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DECLARATION

As a person signing below, I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Dated: ___05-06-2009___   Signed: ___John E. Hoots___
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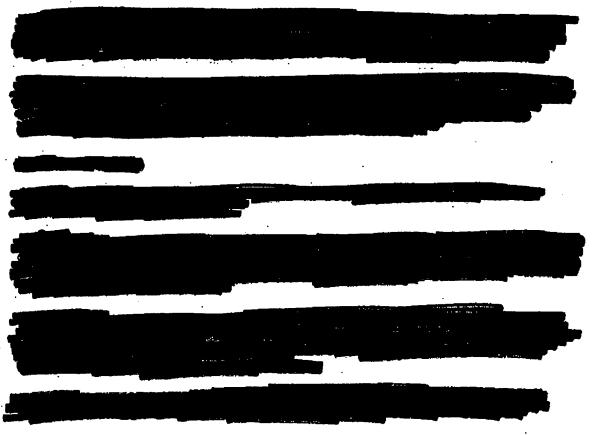
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Exhibit A
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To: Albert R Hall/NV/US/Nalco@Nalco
cc:

Subject: Followup to Our Phone Conversation

Al -

Here's followup e-mail from our conversation. If you could also send me an e-mail summarizing the application needs that you described on the phone - then we can be sure to get everything covered.

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Item #2 - New capabilities which have just been ████████████, see attached file regarding ████████ (TRASAR Xe-2 Controller) which has just been
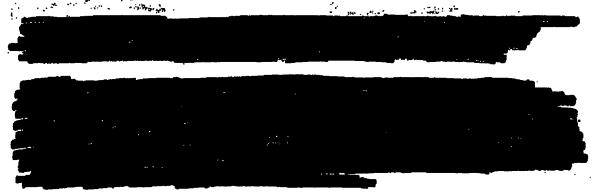
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Exhibit A
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Based on the additional features and benefits - this unit is particularly well-suited for BIG applications (in locations where those features/benefits are relevant to the system operating conditions and sales needs). You will also notice (on page 2) - that this unit is designed to be capable of measuring triazoles [when the correct optics kit (filter paddle) and procedure is used]. If you have existing accounts using a modified ███████████████ █████████████████████... I would urge you to send in a water sample to Sample Receiving█████████████ so that we can assure that the correct setup of the existing fluorometer has occurred or that the right part numbers for *TRASAR Xe-2 Controller* and optics kit are being ordered for new installations. As mentioned previously - *TRASAR Xe-2 Controller* can be used to continuously monitor/control ███ ████████triazoles (such as HRA)████████████████████████ ████████████. If you would like to challenge competitive accounts using *TRASAR Xe-2 Controller* (with triazole setup) or protect your accounts from HRA - let's chat further about the process for doing this.

To get the correct equipment setup and optimal choice of optical filters... it really is very useful to send in a water sample for ABT test code (as mentioned above) - so that everything can be optimized to the operating conditions of the (potential) customer's system.

If there's additional topics of discussion - please let me know in your e-mail summary.

John

Exhibit B
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Action Items from ▊▊▊▊ Meeting

<u>Who</u>   <u>Status</u>

(1) Get 5 gallon polypropylene w/cap container for Xe-2 fluorometer testing   ▊▊ ▊▊▊▊▊

(2) PFA tubing for Xe-2 fluorometer testing   ▊▊

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(4) Find ▊▊▊▊▊ pump for Xe-2 fluorometer testing   ▊▊▊

(5) Find ▊▊▊▊ flowswitch for Xe-2 fluorometer   ▊▊

(6) TRASAR Xe-2 fluorometer available and mounted in test stand   ▊▊ ▊▊▊▊

(7) Determine what fittings are required for test   ▊▊▊▊

(8) Check about materials of construction on Xe-2 flowcell/housing   ▊▊▊ ▊▊▊
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